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SUBJ: THE NASSER OF ETHIOPIA?

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1. MOD VICEMIN KIFLE WORKU IN DISCUSSION WITH MAAGOFF OCT 7 (REFTEL) CRITICIZED US FOR FAILURE TO SUPPORT NASSER REGIME IN EGYPT AFTER OVERTHROW OF FAROUK. IN CLEAR REFERENCE TO "THE GAME OF NATIONS" (WHICH HAS BECOME MUST READING IN AFCC CIRCLES) KIFLE NOTED THAT CIA WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN FAROUK'S FALL AND ASSERTED IT HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN WITHOLDING US AID TO MAGUIB/NASSER'S EGYPT. NASSER SHOULD HAVE BEEN HELPED FROM START, KIFLE SAID, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULDN'T MAKE SAME MISTAKE IN ETHIOPIA. IN RESPONSE TO MAAGOFFS QUESTION, KIFLE EMPHASIZED THAT AMAN (I.E. NASSER) WAS THE POWER IN ETHIOPIA AND THAT AFCC "BOYS" WERE BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT. KIFLE THEN STATED THAT MILITARY IS FIRMLY BEHIND GEN. AMAN, BUT AMAN IS CURRENTLY STRENGTHENING HIS POSTION OF LEADERSHIP AT THE EXPENSKE OF THE AFCC.
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